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Mr. Gary Kimber
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Dear Mr. Kimber:

Re: Permitting/Reclamation Requirements, Utah Portland Cement Company/Flintkote Company, Flux Plant & Dolomite Quarry, DOE/045/004, Tooele County, Utah

This letter is forwarded pursuant to your recent telephone inquiries regarding the status of the Utah Portland Cement Company's inactive (abandoned) Flux Plant and Dolomite/Limestone Quarry in Tooele County, Utah. You have expressed interest in purchasing this property for the purpose of conducting research and testing of explosives. You requested information regarding the permit status of this property and what reclamation liabilities would be acquired in the process of purchasing the mine/mill site(s).

After researching our files on this matter, it was found that a Declaration of Exemption (DOE) [< 2 acres surface disturbance or 500 tons material mined per 12 mth. period] was accepted by this Division in July of 1977. A DOE does not require the formal filing and approval of a detailed mining and reclamation plan and surety. The DOE remained in effect until April 12, 1989, when the Division notified the operator on record (Flintkote Company) that the DOE was no longer valid due to a 1986 statutory change which eliminated the DOE provision. A five (5) acre Small Mining Operation category was enacted in its place.

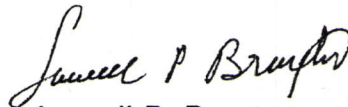
No subsequent permit applications were received by the Division regarding continued operations at this site. Consequently, no permit is in place to be transferred or acquired by a new operator. No reclamation liability would be incurred by the party now wishing to purchase and operate this site as an explosives testing/research facility.

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This Division will not require you to reclaim the existing disturbances or acquire a mining and reclamation permit for activities that are not mining-related. If the new land owner wish to mine, mill and/or sell minerals from said properties in the future, then the appropriate permits must be acquired from this Division.

Should you have additional questions or require further clarification in this matter, please contact me or D. Wayne Hedberg of my staff.

Sincerely,



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Associate Director, Mining

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cc: Tom Mitchell, Assistant A.G.
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